

Section 17

ATF TRACE INFORMATION

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Date of firearm first purchase: FPDate**Name Definition**

FPDate	Date the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results
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Uses

This data element will be used by sites that work with a local police agency and the ATF to receive trace information about guns used in fatalities. The date the gun was first purchased can be used, for example, to help identify the “time to incident” (the length of time between the first purchase of a gun and its use in a homicide or other fatality).

Discussion

The data entry program will accept partially unknown dates (e.g., 99/99/1989).

Note: A variable (First Purchaser) that documents whether the victim or suspect was the first purchaser of the gun is described in the Weapon-Person Relation section.

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field Length	Priority	Primacy
FPDate	Date of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Text	10	O	ATF

Response Options:

FPDate

88/88/8888	Not applicable (no trace done)
99/99/9999	Unknown

Data Standards or Guidelines

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State of firearm first purchase: FPSt
City of firearm first purchase: FPurPI

Name	Definition
FPSt	State where the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results
FPurPI	City where the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results

Uses

These data elements will be used by sites that work with a local police agency and the ATF to receive trace results on guns used in fatalities. The city and state where the gun was first purchased can be used, for example, to track the number of guns whose sale originated locally vs. out of state.

Discussion

City is coded using FIPS 5-digit place codes. See the discussion of FIPS place codes that accompany the variable "Place" (person's city of residence).

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field Length	Priority	Primacy
FPSt	State of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Number	2	O	ATF
FPurPI	City of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Number	5	O	ATF

Response Options:

FPSt	
1	Alabama
2	Alaska
4	Arizona
5	Arkansas
6	California
8	Colorado
9	Connecticut
10	Delaware
11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
20	Kansas
21	Kentucky

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22	Louisiana
23	Maine
24	Maryland
25	Massachusetts
26	Michigan
27	Minnesota
28	Mississippi
29	Missouri
30	Montana
31	Nebraska
32	Nevada
33	New Hampshire
34	New Jersey
35	New Mexico
36	New York
37	North Carolina
38	North Dakota
39	Ohio
40	Oklahoma
41	Oregon
42	Pennsylvania
43	Puerto Rico
44	Rhode Island
45	South Carolina
46	South Dakota
47	Tennessee
48	Texas
49	Utah
50	Vermont
51	Virginia
53	Washington
54	West Virginia
55	Wisconsin
56	Wyoming
88	Not applicable
99	Unknown

FPurPl

99999 Unknown

IMPORTER**Firearm importer's name:** ImpNm**Firearm importer's state:** ImpSt**Firearm importer's city:** ImpCt

Name	Definition
ImpNm	Name of importer
ImpSt	State of import
ImpCt	City of import

Uses

The importer's name, city and state is needed to conduct a trace by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for firearms that are imported into the United States from other countries. Imported guns typically have this information stamped on them.

Discussion

This information is supplied by the law enforcement or criminal justice agency requesting the ATF trace. "ImpCt" is coded using FIPS 5-digit place codes. See the discussion of FIPS place codes that accompany the variable "Place" (person's city of residence).

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field Length	Priority	Primacy
ImpNm	Firearm importer's name:	Weapon	Text	30	O	ATF
ImpSt	Firearm importer's state:	Weapon	Number	2	O	ATF
ImpCt	Firearm importer's city:	Weapon	Number	5	O	ATF

Response Options:

ImpNm

88 Not applicable
99 Unknown

ImpSt

1 Alabama
2 Alaska
4 Arizona
5 Arkansas
6 California
8 Colorado

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9	Connecticut
10	Delaware
11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
20	Kansas
21	Kentucky
22	Louisiana
23	Maine
24	Maryland
25	Massachusetts
26	Michigan
27	Minnesota
28	Mississippi
29	Missouri
30	Montana
31	Nebraska
32	Nevada
33	New Hampshire
34	New Jersey
35	New Mexico
36	New York
37	North Carolina
38	North Dakota
39	Ohio
40	Oklahoma
41	Oregon
42	Pennsylvania
43	Puerto Rico
44	Rhode Island
45	South Carolina
46	South Dakota
47	Tennessee
48	Texas
49	Utah
50	Vermont
51	Virginia
53	Washington
54	West Virginia
55	Wisconsin
56	Wyoming
88	Not applicable
99	Unknown

ImpCt

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Firearm stolen: Stolen

See Weapon/CME for information regarding variable appearing above.